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1. HIGHLIGHTS:

-- U.S. COVERAGE NEGATIVE OVERALL.

AA BREZHNEV'S SPEECH TO CC CPSU GETS LION'S SHARE
OF SPACE IN OCT 26 PRESS (SEPTELS).

-- NATO MANEUVERS IN JUTLAND OCT 24 AND MEDITER-
RANEAN ACTIVITY OCT 23 COME IN FOR CRITICISM IN KZ.

-- IN REPORTING ON US THIRD COMMITTEE DISCUSSION
OF RACISM PRAVDA OCT 24, U.S. AND FRG GET SPECIAL
MENTION AS ONES WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST IT, BUT IN FACT
SUPPORT IT.

-- 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOVIET-BRITISH TRADE
OBSERVED IZVESTIYA OCT 22 WITHOUT, SURPRISINGLY,
MENTION OF HELSINKI FINAL ACT IMPLEMENTATION.

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AA WEEKEND PRESS DESCRIBES LEBANESE CEASE-FIRE AS
TAKING HOLD ALTHOUGH CONTINUED TENSION IS REPORTED
PARTICULARLY IN THE SOUTH. ISRAELI MILITARY SUPPORT
FOR RIGHTIST-CHRISTIAN FORCES IS DESCRIBED AS ONE OF
MAIN FACTORS UNDERMINING CEASE-FIRE. OCT 23
IZVESTIYA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY BY L. KORYAVIN
IS CRITICAL OF ISRAEL'S INTEREST IN EXACERBATION OF
LEBANESE SITUATION. KORYAVIN ALSO MENTIONS LATEST

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U.S. ANNOUNCEMENT ON ARMS SALES TO ISRAEL--A THEME
REPEATED DURING WEEKEND PARTICULARLY IN OCT 24 PRAVDA
INTERNATIONAL WEEK COLUMN BY B. STREL'NIKOV.

-- RIYADH AGREEMENT, PER SE, IS HANDLED IN SEEMINGLY
OBJECTIVE AND CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC FASHION. MINOR
CRITICAL THEME IS REFLECTED IN PAVEL DEMCHENKO'S
OCT 23 PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN WARNING THAT
PALESTINIANS AND LEFTIST FORCES IN LEBANON MUST BE ON
GUARD AGAINST EFFORTS TO TURN RIYADH AGREEMENT AGAINST
THEM.

-- OCT 24 PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY ITS CAIRO CORRES-
PONDENT A. VASIL'YEV EXPLAINING DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THREE EGYPTIAN PARTIES WITHIN ASU FRAMEWORK. HE
INDICATES THAT CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST LEFTIST
ORGANIZATION DESPITE ITS PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM.

-- MOST INTERESTING ITEM ON AFRICA IS YU.
ALIMOV'S ARTICLE IN TRANSKEI IN OCT 26 PRAVDA.
ALIMOV DESCRIBES TOTAL DEPENDENCE OF NEW COUNTRY ON
SOUTH AFRICA AND CITES "AFRICA REPORT" CANARD ABOUT
U.S. INTENTION TO BUILD A NAVAL BASE ON TRANSKEI
COAST.

-- OCT 26 KZ NOTES COMPLETION OF VISIT OF
NIGERIAN ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GENERAL DANJUMA.

-- OCT 24 PRAVDA COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY V. LISTOV
DESCRIBES ECONOMIC CONDITIONS SET BY ANDES PACT MEETING
IN LIMA FOR CHILE'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN
ORGANIZATION.

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AA CHINA COVERAGE IN WEEKEND PRESS INCLUDES DAILY
REPORTS OF PEKING DEMONSTRATIONS LEADING TO OCT 24
MASS MEETING; CHARGES AGAINST FOUR PLOTTERS; AND
OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUA'S PARTY AND MAC CHAIRMANSHIPS.

-- PRAVDA'S BOL'SHAKOV OCT 25 DENOUNCES ANZUS AND
"PRO-AMERICAN" SWING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (THAILAND,
INDONESIA) WITH SPECIAL BARBS FOR AUSTRALIAN PM
FRASER.

-- IZVESTIYA'S KONDRASHOV OCT 22 COMMENTS ON U.S.
"PRESSURE" AGAINST PHILIPPINES. SUGAR DUTIES ARE
LATEST EXAMPLE (FOLLOWING EARTHQUAKE AID AND OTHERS)
OF U.S. EFFORT TO DRIVE HARD BARGAIN ON BASES.

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-- MONGOLIA'S TSEDENBAL LEFT SOVIET UNION ON OCT 24. LONG COMMUNIQUE SUPPORTS SOVIET POSITION ON EVERY ISSUE (SEPTEL).

2. U.S. COVERAGE OF A HOST OF SMALL ITEMS IS, ON BALANCE, NEGATIVE, BUT SLIGHTLY LESS SO THAN USUAL. ON POSITIVE SIDE 1977 CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREED TO PRAVDA OCT 24 AND ELECTION REPORTAGE BALANCES TREATMENT OF TWO CANDIDATES. HOWEVER, CYNICISM AND VOTER APATHY ARE CENTRAL THEMES AND NEGATIVE, FROM SOVIET VIEWPOINT, POSITIONS OF CANDIDATES GET STRESS (SUPPORT OF ISRAEL AND OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES). ALSO, CARTOON PRAVDA OCT 23 SHOWS U.S. ACQUIESENCE IN LETELIER MURDER BY CHILEAN JUNTA AND STORY PRAVDA OCT 24 ON CUBAN PLANE BOMBING CITES CPUSA CALL FOR CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION OF CIA ROLE IN AFFAIR. FONTRADEMIN PATOLICHEV'S MEETING WITH AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIST A. HAMMER REPORTED WITH ACCENT ON POSITIVE IN U.S.-SOVIET TRADE.

-- U.S. MILITARY AND FORMER SECDEF SCHLESINGER COME IN FOR STRONG CRITICISM. YURI ZHUKOV ATTACKS SCHLESINGER IN PRAVDA OCT 23 FOR HIS OPPOSITION TO DETENTE, HIS SUPPORT OF ARMS RACE AND HIS MALEVOLENT EXPRESSIONS ABOUT "SOVIET THREATS" TO EUROPE AND CHINA'S "THREAT FROM THE NORTH." CORRUPTION OF U.S. OFFICER CORPS KZ OCT 26 AND UNSEEMLY TIES OF RETIRED
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OFFICERS TO DEFENSE INDUSTRIES PRAVDA OCT 24 ARE ALSO DETAILED.

-- SOVIET EMBASSY EMPLOYEE STEPANOV DEATH REPORTED IN PRAVDA OCT 26 WITH NOTE THAT CRIMINALS STILL AT LARGE.
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